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FOR AF/W DIRECTOR, THOMAS W.M. SMITH

FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, SEDU, IV

SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE FOR FOREIGN MINISTER'S SON

1. YOU DISPOSED OF THE MEASLES VACCINE PROBLEM WITH SUCH DISPATCH THAT I HEREWITH PASS YOU ANOTHER PROBLEM WHICH NEEDS YOUR PERSONAL INTERVENTION.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER USHER HAS JUST CALLED ME TO SAY THAT HIS SON, SYLVAIN USHER, IS EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTIES IN GETTING ENROLLED AT MIT. ACCORDING TO FOREIGN MINISTER, HE DISCUSSED ENROLLMENT OF SYLVAIN WITH MIT PRESIDENT WIESNER ON A TRIP TO BOSTON LAST SEPTEMBER. SYLVAIN HAS A GOOD ACADEMIC RECORD IN FRANCE AND WIESNER TOLD USHER THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM IN ADMITTING HIM TO MIT, PROVIDED THAT HE IMPROVED HIS ENGLISH. SYLVAIN ENROLLED IN INTENSIVE ENGLISH COURSE AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY WHICH HE FINISHED BEFORE CHRISTMAS. HOWEVER, WHEN HE PRESENTED HIMSELF TO THE REGISTRAR AT MIT IN JANUARY, HE WAS ADVISED THAT ENROLLMENTS WERE CLOSED FOR THE CURRENT SEMESTER.

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3. USHER ASKS THAT WE CONTACT PRESIDENT WIESNER WHO, HE SAYS, IS PERSONALLY FAMILIAR WITH THE CASE AND IS LIKELY TO BE HELPFUL IN GAINING SYLVAIN'S ENROLLMENT. I TOLD USHER THAT MIT'S STANDARDS WERE EXTREMELY HIGH BUT THAT I WOULD ASK THE DEPARTMENT TO CONTACT WIESNER TO SEE IF SOMETHING COULD BE DONE. USHER REPEATED THAT SYLVAIN'S ACADEMIC RECORD WAS EXCELLENT IN PHYSICS AND

MATHEMATICS AND HE ALSO BELIEVED HIS FLUENCY IN ENGLISH
HAD BEEN GREATLY IMPROVED BY THE COURSE AT BOSTON
UNIVERSITY.

4. I AM SORRY TO TROUBLE YOU WITH THIS BUT, AS YOU KNOW,
PERSONAL AND OFFICIAL RELATIONS IN THE IVORY COAST ARE
INEXTRICABLY MESHED AND ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO ASSIST
USHER IN A MATTER TO WHICH HE ATTACHES CONSIDERABLE
IMPORTANCE CAN BE HELPFUL IN A VARIETY OF WAYS.
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